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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Masataka TAMURA et al.
Title: UNDERWATER LASER PROCESSING
APPARATUS AND UNDERWATER LASER
PROCESSING METHOD
Appl. No.: 09/965,122
Filing Date: September 28, 2001
Examiner: J. Johnson
Art Unit: 1725

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed January 27, 2003, please amend the application as follows and consider the following remarks.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim ~~16~~ without prejudice or disclaimer.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, please substitute for claim 13 the following rewritten version of the same claim, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Versions with Markings to Show Changes Made."

13. (Twice Amended) An underwater laser processing method, comprising:



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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL

Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114: (check items that apply)

a. Previously submitted:

- ☒ [X] Please enter and consider the amendment/reply previously filed on April 28, 2003.
- ☐ [] Please consider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on ___ but not considered.
- ☐ [] Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on ___.
- ☐ [] Other ___.

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b. Enclosed are:

- ☒ [X] Courtesy Copy of the Amendment previously filed on April 28, 2003.
- ☒ [X] Petition for Extension of Time
- ☐ [] Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).
- ☐ [] Information Disclosure Statement.
- ☐ [] Form PTO-1449 with copies of ___ listed reference(s).

Miscellaneous:

- ☐ [] Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ___ months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended	Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present	Rate	Fee Totals
RCE Fee 1.17(e)				\$750.00	\$750.00
Total Claims:	19	20	= 0	x \$18.00	= \$0.00
Independents:	4	4	= 0	x \$84.00	= \$0.00
First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims:			+ 0	\$280.00	= \$0.00
CLAIMS FEE TOTAL:					= \$750.00

- ☒ [X] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> [X] Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$110.00	\$110.00
<input type="checkbox"/> [] Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$410.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> [] Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$930.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> [] Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,450.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> [] Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$1,970.00	\$0.00
EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:		\$0.00
CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:		\$860.00
<input type="checkbox"/> [] Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):		\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> [] Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c)		\$0.00
TOTAL FEE:		\$860.00

- ☒ [X] A check in the amount of \$860.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date May 23, 2003

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small Entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity statement previously submitted.
- ☐ Small Entity statement is enclosed.
- ☒ The fee required for additional claims is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended	Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present	Rate	Additional Claims Fee
Total Claims:	19	20	0	\$18.00	\$0.00
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CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:			\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):		\$0.00
TOTAL FEE:			\$0.00

- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0741 in the amount of \$0.00. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$0.00 is enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date April 28, 2003

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